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Behold you Rulers, and hearken proud Men and Women, who have let in the Spirit of the World into your hearts, whereby you are lifted up in the Earth; hear what Truth ſaith.

YOU have gained riches, and you ſeeke worldly glory, an evil covetouſneſs to your ſelves; and theſe Idols being ſet up in your hearts to be worſhipped, you rage and wonder why the Children of Light will not worſhip your gods you have ſet up, and fall down before the glory of this world in you; ſo you are angry: But why are you ſo blind, to think that ſuch who have denied to bow to the ſame ſpirit and pride in themſelves, and have (through the Croſs) obtained power from above to caſt out the ſame Idols out of their own hearts, and can they bow to them in another? Nay; the Day is come, and the children of light have found the living God to worſhip, and there is none beſides him to us. And now in vain is the Idols preached; we cannot worſhip with you, however you be tormented; it is of God to famiſh the worlds Idols; and he alone will be worſhipped who is mighty to ſave. What have we to do

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any more with Idol-vanity? Pride cannot save us, nor can the worlds glory preserve in the hour of temptation, though we should bow thereto; we cannot trust in uncertain riches, nor may we take counsel at silver or gold, flocks or herds. We have proved your Idols, and knows what is in them; and we have found them Destroyers, and not Saviours: Whatever your glory promises you (who most seek it) we know in its right hand is a lye, flattery and falshood, and all who loves it, comes short of the glory of God. Humility is our glory, and he is our Saviour who saith, *Learn of me, for I am lowly, and ye shall find rest to your souls.* And this we have proved, and we find his words truth, and all loftiness a lye. So haveing found the Truth, the Truth hath made us free; free from pride, free from vain glory, free from that spirit that puts it on, and would have it worshipped; free from the Manners of the Gentiles, who exercise Lordship in that nature which is out of the Light and Doctrine of Christ.

So the Truth having made us free, in that Liberty we stand fast, and may not be intangled again with your yoke of bondage, nor the Manners of the gentiles, and then you say it's our pride and stubbornness, and many such accusations you cast on us: Alas! What darkness is this! And how have you lost your judgement! What is *Mordecai* become prouder then *Haman* with you? Is he proud who denies to worship pride, and he that would be worshipped free? Is not this to put light for darkness, and darkness

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for light? to condemn the innocent, to hide the offender? Come down to that of God in your conſciences, and let that judge; and let pride be ſeen, and aſhamed where it is. And then you plead Scripture, and ſay, *Let every ſoul be ſubject to the higher power; and be ſubject to every Ordinance of man for the Lords ſake, &c.* Now this we ſay alſo, and owns the Scriptures; But mans pride is not the higher power; in Humility we finde a power above pride, higher then oppreſſion, higher then mens wills, higher then the luſts of the eye; yea higher then all that in man would exalt againſt it: So we deny the lower, that we may ſubject our ſelves to that which excelleth, which is ordained of God. And to every ordinance of man are we ſubject for the Lords ſake; but ſhould we bow to the ſpirit of pride, we ſhould betray the Lord, and give his honor to another, and that is not for the Lords ſake: So what we ſee for the Lord, and of him in every Ordinance of man, we ſubject to for the Lords ſake; and what is againſt him, for his ſake we deny, and with him ſuffer under it, as witneſſes for him againſt it; ſo we give *Cæſar* his due, and cuſtom to whom it belongs; but all glory and worſhip to God alone, to whom it is due.

But ſay you, *That worſhip we plead for, is civil, not religious.* But where do you read in Scripture of civil Worſhip? We find, *Honor all men in the Lord*; and that which is in the Lord, is religious; and that which is not in the Lord, is Idolatrous.

Is there any thing honourable in man but the image of God, which is ſpiritual; he that worſhips where that is not, worſhips the beaſt, or that which is worſe, the devil; and if any bow to that of God in man, how comes it not to be religious; and yet you ſay for conſcience-ſake, and not religious: ſo your diſtinctions will not gain Worſhip from them who knows God and his Image, and the beaſt and his image, in their ſeveral appearances; and by this are they known for ever, He that's from above, ſeeks not honor from man, but that honor which is of God alone; Gods preſence in him makes him honourable in the hearts of all that loves God; ſo God gives him grace, and glory, and honor. But the other muſt have none from God, who abides not in that which is honourable, and ſo becomes as the beaſt; ſeeking honour by force from ſuch as he hath power over, and rages if he cannot have it; and this Nature hath no right to it, though the falſe prophet join with him to plead for it, who muſt into the Lake together; and all that worſhip the beaſt and his image, muſt drink of the Wine of thewrath of God, powred out without mixture, as ſaith the ſcripture.

So you that are in place to rule, and ſeeke for honor ſeekfirſt that which is honourable, and none can hold you from honor; and know it is the gift of God onely to ſuch as honor him, and not themſelves; ſeek that glory and honor that hath immortality and eternal life, which is obtai-

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ned of God by continuance in well-doing: ſeek Humility, that goes before honor; exalt Juſtice, ſet up righteouſneſs, and truth in Judgement; hold forth Gods ſword to all people under you, and not your own wills, then you honor God, and he will honor you. Seek firſt the Kingdom of God, that he may rule in your own hearts, over your pride, over your paſſion, over luſt, over covetouſneſs, over reſpect of perſons, and over all unrighteouſneſs; ſo ſhall you ſet up the Higher Power in you, for every ſoul to be ſubject to, which that of God in every conſcience ſhall anſwer to; then are you Miniſters of God, and he ſhall add to you that honor which is of God, which is ſpiritual, which is immortal, binding every conſcience and ſoul in ſubjection to your Authority, which all that reſiſt, receive damnation to themſelves. And this is Religious, and an Ordinance of God, and receives not its honor from man, but from God alone, who hath ever honoured holy men and women that ruled for God, with God, as you may read in the Scriptures, who never needed to ſeek it from men while they retained God: But *Saul* when God was departed from him, through covetouſneſs and diſobedience, cryed, *Honor me before the people*; who had loſt the Kingdom of God, had loſt his honor, had loſt that which binds the conſcience, and to which the ſoul is to be ſubject, who cryed, *Honor me before the people*, from whom God was departed, who had departed from God, who ſought honor to himſelf without God, the king-

kingdom of God being rent from him, his honor departed.

So you that would have honor, ſeek God, and retain him, exalt his Kingdom in your hearts, and he will add honor thereto: But if you be diſobedient, and your own ſouls be not ſubject to the Higher Power, then another power rules, to which the righteous ſoul cannot ſubject for conſcience-ſake; then gets up he that's out of Gods Kingdom, & cries, Honor me before the people; and this is he that ſought *Davids* life, and ſeeks the life of his ſeed, who is diſobedient, who is covetous, who is greedy of honor, who is a murtherer, who keeps not the Word of God, nor abode in the truth, to keep down pride and vain glory; then the falſe Prophet cryes, *worſhip this*; ſo ſuch as be out of the faith of Chriſt, diſobedient to the Law of God, and in reſpect of perſons; ſuch as be flatterers, lyars, ſcorners, fighters, ſuers, drunkards, ſwearers, and ſuch as be out of the Kingdom of God, whoſe ſouls are not ſubject to the higher power for conſcience ſake; ſuch bow and worſhip with putting off hats, and bowing of the knees to the perſon, but the ſoul of ſuch is not ſubject to the power that is of God for conſcience ſake: yet ſuch is the darkneſs of many Rulers, as to account this ſubjection to Authority, while ſuch whoſe ſouls do truly bow to the power of Righteouſneſs, Juſtice and Equity, where-ever it is, without flattering where it is not, are condemned for unmannerlineſs, diſorder, and ſuffer as diſobedient to Authority. But to

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that of God in every conſcience do we appear Whether ſuch ſouls exalt the power which is of God, and ſeek his honor, or their own; and ſo as you honor God, with God ſhall you be honored; but ſeek it as eagerly as you will, without him it will flye from you, though flattery you may obtain, which will corrupt your judgement, and let in upon you everlaſting diſhonor. Wherefore turn to the Lord with your whole hearts, and ſeek his glory alone, that he may put upon you his ſpirit of humility, and righteous Judgment that you may be covered therewith, as with a garment, ſo ſhall you freely have our ſouls ſubjection, which now in ſecret mournes for you with prayers and tears before God, and openly ſuffers under you for a teſtimony againſt you. And now you that are not in place to rule, and ſeeks to be worſhipped of us, what is it you would have us bow to, in you, or upon you? gladly would we ſee humility appear in you, and behold you covered with the ſpirit of God, that in our ſouls we might ſubject thereto, and ſo in the Lord honor you; but ſhould we bow to your gold and ſilver Lace, your coſtly apparel, or earthly riches? To that of God in you all we appear, If we ſhould not worſhip Idols, and break the Law of God, for which doing, how we ſhould be excuſed before God at the day of account, let ſuch as fear God more then man, judge.

The End.

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